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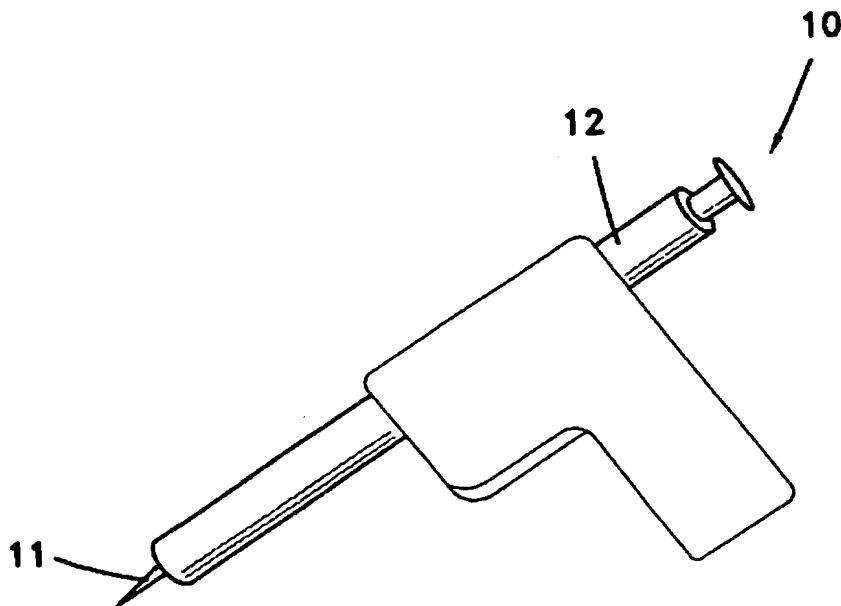
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for removing pigments from a pigmented section of a skin by puncturing the skin at the pigmented section, with a skin puncturing device which is provided with at least one needle, and then bandaging the punctured section with a suitable adsorbing pad. The pad contains one or more materials, such as saline, which will cause the pigments at the punctured section to migrate into the outer layer of the skin.

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